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IN VACATION.

Cruel and Unusual Punishment.—The following interesting ordinance of one of the smaller Missouri cities should have a place in this column.

Section 7. Dangerous Dogs.—If any fierce or dangerous dog or bitch when in heat (whether the tax herein prescribed has been paid or not) shall be found running at large within the city limits, or on the premises of persons other than the owner of said dog, or shall be allowed to run at large in any tenement building occupied by two or more families and shall there annoy or endanger any person therein, the owner or person in charge of said dog shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall immediately be killed by the marshal or any member of the police force.

A Strange Mix-Up.—A member of the Chicago bar tells the following:

A young man by the name of Sterling resides at Dixon, Ill., and raises chickens for sale. From Chicago an eccentric German of somewhat broken English, learning the address of Mr. Sterling, wrote him the following letters:

"Mister Dixon: I understhoot you haf some roostars to sale. A freint of yourn tolt me. How much you charge? I take a tollers worth.

"Heine Pretzel."

"Mister Sterling. I mishspelled yourn name, and I send it Sterling stead Dixon I tink. I vant to rooasters queek. I go Sterling by Dixon pashenger Tusshday night maybe. Met me.

"Heine Pretzel."

"Excuse my mishtakes Misther Dixon."

"Mister Dixon: Exchuse me Mishter Dixon I git all mixthed up on yestherday. I don't know yourn name Dixon or Sterling. I vish I writ it down. I haf to gif it up Misther Dixon and the rooasters too. I feel so bat. I go out mit de Dixon phassenger and those railroad fellows say I dream it.

"Good by Misther Dixon. Excuse my mistakes Misther Dixon.

"Heine Pretzel."

"Misther Sterling: It is all just as plain now Misther Sterling. I see yourn friend. Yourn name is Sterling and you live by Dixon. Sterling is beyont you and de Sterling phassenger runs throe you. Ish not that just as plain. But Mishter Dixon Prtink de season is now too late for rooasters. I write you next time maybe I take two dollars worth.

"Good-bye Mishter Dixon.

"Heine Pretzel."

—National Corporation Reporter.